

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION REQUESTS
FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES FOR
THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR MATT BLUNT**

Please answer the questions in this document as completely and fully as you can. You may attach anything you feel relevant. Other than personal information, you should expect that the completed questionnaire and any attachments will be public. We understand that all information sought may not be readily available. Please make your best effort. Where written materials are requested but not available, please summarize them as best you can.

1. Full name
2. Residential address and phone number
3. Present employment address and phone number
4. E-mail address
5. Date and place of birth
6. Marital status. If married, provide full name of spouse and date of marriage. Also, please provide the full name of any former spouses.
7. How many years have you been a United States citizen?
8. For how many consecutive years have you been a qualified voter of the state of Missouri?
9. Please list all other states in which you have lived, with approximate dates.
10. Are you currently licensed to practice law in Missouri?
11. Provide date of admission to Missouri Bar and whether your license is now in good standing. If not, explain why not.
12. List all other jurisdictions, courts, and agencies in which you are admitted to practice.
13. Have you ever been denied admission to the bar of any jurisdiction, court, or agency? If so, explain.
14. Has your bar license in any jurisdiction been revoked, suspended, or disciplined? If so, explain.
15. Provide a detailed work history, to include all full-time jobs from age 18 to date. For all jobs, include the following: the name, address, and phone number of the employer; dates of employment; and title held. For legal employment and any non-legal employment of significance, include detailed descriptions of your activities and duties.

Please err on the side of providing too much detail rather than too little. Please include military service and provide the type of discharge for any completed service.

16. Provide a detailed summary of all groups and organizations of which you are now a member or have been a member in the last 15 years. For each organization, provide the name of the organization, dates of membership, any offices or leadership positions you hold or held, and a summary of the group's mission or purpose.
17. Have you or your spouse ever been a member of or worked for any organization that discriminates or discriminated on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, or familial status? If so, explain these policies and any actions you took to address them.
18. Have you prepared, participated in the preparation of, or permitted use of your name on any reports, memoranda, or policy statements in connection with any public office? If yes, provide copies.
19. For every lawsuit in which you have been a party, please provide the following: (a) list of all parties, including their designation as plaintiff, defendant, etc.; (b) copies of all complaints or petitions, answers, sworn testimony (written or oral), and dispositive orders and judgments; and (c) the style of the case, court (trial and appellate), and case numbers. If copies of the requested documents are not reasonably available, please summarize the facts, issues, and disposition of the case.
20. Have you filed all tax returns and paid all taxes on time and without penalty? If not, explain.
21. Have you, your family, or any organization in which you have been involved ever employed a person not lawfully in the United States? If yes, explain.
22. Have you ever committed an act that would constitute a felony, even though you were not charged? If yes, explain.
23. State the name and location of all colleges and universities attended (include non-law graduate schools), other than law school, and include dates attended and degrees awarded. Also, provide transcripts from all such institutions.
24. List all college or university activities, awards, honors, and achievements.
25. Were you ever academically disciplined by any college or university? If yes, explain.
26. State the name and location of all law schools attended and include dates attended and degrees awarded. Also, provide transcripts from all such institutions.
27. List all law school activities, awards, honors, and achievements.
28. Have you ever been accused of plagiarism in any academic setting? If yes, explain.
29. List all continuing legal education courses taught. Provide copies of any written materials you prepared.

30. List all presentations made to organized groups on topics of legal concern. Provide copies of any written materials you prepared.
31. For each legal position held, provide a detailed summary of your trial court experience as an attorney, hearing officer, administrative judge, or judge. Please include the number of cases, the type of cases, the type of court or agency, and distinguish between civil and criminal and jury and non-jury trials.
32. For each legal position held, provide a detailed summary of your appellate experience as an attorney or judge. Please include the number of cases and the type of cases.
33. Provide a copy of one document you wrote that you feel demonstrates your work at its best.
34. Provide copies of all books and articles of a legal nature that you have written.
35. List all significant professional awards and recognitions you have received.
36. List all significant professional activities.
37. Describe your pro bono work as a lawyer.
38. Identify all reasons that you anticipate could cause you not to participate in cases before the Missouri Supreme Court.
39. Provide a summary of all testimony you have given before any legislative body.
40. Describe your position on cameras in Missouri courtrooms, stating any distinctions in your positions among different types of courts.
41. Describe your position on the Missouri Plan for selecting appellate judges.
42. Describe your position on individual vs. centralized docketing in trial courts.
43. Describe your position on compensation of Missouri judges.
44. Describe your position on the scope of the Missouri Supreme Court's constitutional authority to superintend lower courts.
45. Describe what you consider the most significant administrative issue facing the Missouri courts and provide your solution.
46. Provide copies of all documents filed by you with the Missouri Ethics Commission or the Federal Election Commission or any campaign committee for which you were the candidate.

COMPLETE QUESTIONS 47-50 ONLY IF YOU HAVE SERVED AS A JUDGE

47. Provide copies of all evaluations of your judicial performance, including bar surveys related to retention.
48. Provide copies of all literature you produced related to any judicial election.
49. Provide copies of all documents you have ever filed or have had filed on your behalf (for example, by a campaign treasurer) with the Missouri Ethics Commission.
50. Have you ever been disciplined by a court or judicial commission? If yes, explain.

I, _____, hereby certify that all of my statements made above are correct to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I, with only clerical assistance, am the author of all answers to all inquiries above.

Date: _____

Applicant signature: _____

RELEASE AND WAIVER

I, (name) _____, born at (city, state) _____
_____, on (date) _____, and currently residing at (address)
_____, having applied for a governmental
appointment, hereby voluntarily consent to the potential disclosure to the public of all information collected in
the course of conducting background investigations by the Office of the Governor with regard to appointment as
judge to the Missouri Supreme Court. The disclosure will not include any personal financial, credit, or medical
records in the possession of the Office of the Governor and collected during the background investigation.

I, along with my spouse (name) _____, hereby release, discharge, and
exonerate the Office of the Governor and the State of Missouri, their agents and representatives, and any person
so furnishing information from any and all liability of every nature and kind arising out of the furnishing or
inspection of such documents, records, and other information or any investigation or report made by the above
persons or entities. A copy of this release shall have the same effect as the original.

This authorization shall remain in full force and effect until the Office of the Governor is notified in
writing that this release has been revoked by the undersigned individual.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Social Security Number)

(Signature of Spouse)

(Date)